



Driver's License Point System

To promote driving safety, the District of Columbia uses a point system to warn drivers who are at risk of having their license suspended or revoked. We know that your driver's license is important to you and we want to help you understand how your record affects your driving privileges.

How are points assessed?

Drivers receive points for committing most moving traffic violations—whether the violations occur in the District of Columbia or in other states. Points are assessed if you are found liable at a hearing, if you are convicted on court of a traffic violation, or if you pay the ticket. The number of points you will receive depends on the violation you commit. See the reverse side for a list of violations and points assessed.

When am I in danger of having my license suspended or revoked?

If you accumulate **8 to 11 points**, your DC license can be **suspended** and you can lose your driving privileges for a period of anywhere from 2 to 90 days.

If you accumulate **12 or more points**, your DC license can be **revoked** for six months and you can lose your driving privileges until DC DMV reinstates your license.

If you are convicted of certain criminal traffic violations in DC, including driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence, it is mandatory that your license be revoked for 6 months.

How is my license suspended or revoked?

If you accumulate 8 to 12 points, DC DMV will give you a Notice of Proposed Suspension or Revocation. After receiving this notice, you can request a hearing within 5 days if you are a DC resident, or 10 days if you are not a DC resident, by either 1) appearing in person at DC DMV, 65 K Street, Lower Level, Mon - Fri, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Wed 8:30 am to 8:00 pm OR 2) writing to DC DMV Adjudication Services, Permit Control Unit, 65 K Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

How long will points stay on my record?

Points will stay on your driving record for **2 years** after you are found liable or pay the ticket. Payment is an admission of liability.

How can I get a copy of my driving record?

You may get a copy of your driving record by *appearing in person* at 301 C Street NW, Room 1000 and paying a \$5.00 fee (cash or money order) for each copy. *You must present your DC driver's license, your DC non-driver's identification card, or another form of federal or state-issued identification.* To protect your privacy, DC DMV does not give information on driving records over the telephone. Another person may obtain a copy of your driving record for you as long as he or she presents written authorization from the driver, a copy of the driver's photo identification, and their own photo identification.

How do I get my license reinstated?

If your license is suspended or revoked, you are not automatically eligible for reinstatement. You must first have a reinstatement hearing, which you can schedule by appearing in person at 65 K Street NE, Lower Level, Mon - Fri 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, and Wed 8:30 am to 8:00 pm. You will be required to pay a \$75 reinstatement fee (in cash or money order) to restore your driving privileges after a suspension or revocation period. You will also need to clear any other stops on your DC traffic record before your license can be reinstated.

If you drive while your license is suspended or revoked, you may be jailed for up to one year, pay a fine of up to \$5,000, or both.



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Violations and Points Assessed

Drivers who are found liable at a hearing or who pay the ticket will be assessed points according to the following schedule:

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| • Following another vehicle too closely | 2 points |
| • Operating a vehicle with an improper class of license | 2 points |
| • Operating a vehicle with a license expired less than 90 days | 2 points |
| • Any moving violation that does not contribute to an accident and is not listed below | 2 points |
| • Violations that contribute to an accident | 3 points |
| • Speeding 11-15 miles per hour above posted speed limit | 3 points |
| • Speeding 16-20 miles per hour above posted speed limit | 4 points |
| • Failing to stop for a school vehicle with alternately flashing lights | 4 points |
| • Operating a motor vehicle in violation of a restriction on your license | 4 points |
| • Operating a vehicle with a learner's permit unaccompanied by a licensed driver | 5 points |
| • Speeding 21 miles per hour or more above posted speed limit | 5 points |
| • Failing to report an accident | 5 points |
| • Failing to give right-of-way to a pedestrian | 5 points |
| • Committing a misdemeanor crime involving the use of a motor vehicle | 6 points |
| • Failing to yield to an emergency vehicle | 6 points |
| • Leaving the scene of a collision in which no personal injury occurs | 8 points |
| • Turning off headlights of a vehicle to avoid identification by a police officer | 8 points |

You will receive 12 points and your license will be taken from you if you are convicted of:

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| • Leaving the scene of a collision in which personal injury occurs (hit and run) | 12 points |
| • Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer | 12 points |
| • Reckless driving | 12 points |
| • Operating a vehicle after your driver's license has been suspended or revoked | 12 points |
| • Using the driver's license of another person | 12 points |
| • Conviction for an assault or homicide committed with an automobile | 12 points |
| • Operating a vehicle under the influence of or when impaired by intoxicating liquor and/or narcotic drugs | 12 points |
| • Operating a vehicle with any measurable amount of alcohol if the person is under 21 years old | 12 points |
| • Committing a felony crime involving the use of a motor vehicle | 12 points |
| • Making a false affidavit or statement under any law relating to motor vehicles | 12 points |
| • Committing any violation while operating a vehicle without the permission of the owner | 12 points |

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